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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2003 for one(1) month, i.e. from November 5, 2003 to December 5, 2003 inclusive. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith. A Notice of Appeal is also being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/J&J-2049/LDS in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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